(c) to (f) According to the available information, recycled plastic material has been used to make 'garbage bags' which are being exported. Data on export of products manufactured out of recycled plastic and foreign exchange earnings from such exports are not maintained by DGCI&S.

Import of equipments on concessional project import duty

3125. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some suggestions have been made by certain trading organisations to Government to incorporate a provision for permitting engineering procurement and construction contractors to import equipment in their own name for their projects on concessional project import duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action on these suggestions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Ministry of Commerce have not received any representation in this regard.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Visit of Canadian Trade Team

3126. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Canadian trade team has visited India in recent past;

(b) if so, details thereof with objectives;

(c) whether issues of Canadian investment in India were discussed in the meeting;

(d) if so, with result thereof;

(e) whether Canadian delegation has agreed to make investment in some fields; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mr. Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada visited India from 11th to 16th March 1995 accompanied by a large delegation including 34 representatives of Canadian business houses. Apart from calling on different Ministers in the Government of India and holding delegation level discussions with the Indian delegation, Mr. Chan also addressed various Industry Associations.

(c) to (f) Mr. Chan invited Indian companies to take advantage of the expertise of Canadian companies, especially in the areas of power generation and distribution, telecommunication services, transportation and environmental protection. Intensification of private sector business interaction is likely to lead to further expansion of bilateral trade.

Trade agreement between India and South Africa

3127. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 851 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th March, 1995 and state:

(a) the details and scope of the formal trade agreement signed on 22nd August 1994 at Johannesburg between India and South Africa;